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For: COMONENT PART HAVING A  
HIGH ABSORPTIVE EFFECT  
OVER A BROAD FREQUENCY  
RANGE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to calculation of any fees, please amend the Application to eliminate multiple  
claim dependency as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claims 6, 7, 8, and 15 from the Amended Sheet(s) with new claims 6, 7,  
8, and 15 which have been amended as shown in the attached marked-up copy of the claims.